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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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16 APR 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM Regional Medical Commands

SUBJECT: Policy for Billing Occupational Health or Workers' Compensation Cases for Department of Defense (DOD) Employees in Military Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs)

1. The enclosed Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) memorandum clarifies billing policy for occupational health or workers' compensation cases in military MTFs. Although we are legally authorized to do so, we are to forego collections for emergency medical care (including initial treatment after on-the-job injury or illness) provided to nonappropriated fund (NAF) DOD employees.
2. We are not to bill for emergent or nonemergent occupational health or workers' compensation care for appropriated fund employees. If nonemergent or follow-up occupational health or workers' compensation care is provided to NAF employees on a space available basis, we are to bill the employer at the interagency rate.
3. Implementation of the policy clarified in the enclosed memorandum will enhance service morale, welfare, and recreation programs through foregoing collections for emergency medical care to NAF DOD employees.
4. Our point of contact is Mr. Ashby, Uniform Business Office Manager, Patient Administration, Directorate of Clinical Operations, DSN 471-6113.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1200

MAR 5, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (MRAI&E)

SUBJECT: Policy for Billing Occupational Health or Workers' Compensation Cases for Department of Defense Employees in Military Treatment Facilities

This memorandum clarifies our billing policy for occupational health or workers' compensation cases in military treatment facilities. Emergency medical care (including initial treatment after on-the-job injury or illness) provided Department of Defense (DoD) employees injured on the job, whether appropriated or nonappropriated fund, will not be billed. Nonemergent or follow-up occupational health or workers' compensation care for nonappropriated fund employees will be billed to the employer at the interagency rate.

I recognize that appropriated fund DoD employees are governed by the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA), nonappropriated fund employees are governed by the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, and that military treatment facilities are legally authorized to collect from nonappropriated fund instrumentalities for all occupational health or workers' compensation care. However, due to the potential impact of this action on service morale, welfare and recreation programs, I am establishing this policy to forego collections for emergency medical care. I am taking this action under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1074 (c) to establish, by regulation, the limited entitlement to emergency medical care.

The point of contact is LCDR Pat Kelly at (703) 681-8910 or pkelly@ha.osd.mil.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen C. Joseph".

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cc:

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